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Council President Calls on City Attorney to Stop Grandstanding, Let Street and Sidewalk Repairs Go Forward

SAN DIEGO - On April 22, the San Diego City Council approved a \$103 million bond sale to repair streets and public facilities across the city, including Fire Station 9 in La Jolla, the Northwestern Police Station in Rancho Peñasquitos, the Children's Pool Lifeguard Tower in La Jolla and the surfacing of more than 75 miles of street across the city, including a major street resurfacing project on Rancho Peñasquitos Drive.

City Attorney Michael Aguirre's refusal to sign the documents necessary to complete the bond sale means that potholes will not be repaired, 2,300 sidewalks across the city will remain buckled and crumbling and 28 storm drain projects needed to comply with federal legislation will not be completed.

"The taxpayers of this City should not be held hostage to Mr. Aguirre's political whims," Peters said. "Our citizens deserve better than this kind of grandstanding and obstructionism; they deserve to have their streets paved and roofs repaired at fire stations and senior centers."

Representatives of the City Attorney's office helped prepare the documents presented to the City Council when the bond was approved. Aguirre did not raise any objections about the proposed sale until well into the second public hearing.

The City's outside bond counsel, who has worked with the City Attorney's office on other bond sales, informed the Council that the terms of the bond are legal and in widespread use among California municipalities.

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